

Thursday, September 10, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Committee on Rules ordered reported H. Res. 525, providing for review by the Committee on the Judiciary of a Communication from an Independent Counsel.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S10143–10225

Measures Introduced: Six bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2455–2460, S. Res. 275, and S. Con. Res. 116. **Pages S10206–07**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2119, to amend the Amateur Sports Act to strengthen provisions protecting the right of athletes to compete, recognize the Paralympics and growth of disabled sports, improve the U.S. Olympic Committee's ability to resolve certain disputes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–325) **Page S10206**

Measures Passed:

Extending Financial Report Program: Senate passed S. 2071, to extend a quarterly financial report program administered by the Secretary of Commerce. **Page S10221**

Passage Vitiating: Senate vitiated passage of the following measures:

S. Con. Res. 110, honoring the memory of Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police for their selfless acts of heroism at the United States Capitol on July 24, 1998, and the measure was indefinitely postponed. **Page S10221**

S. Con. Res. 111, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a memorial service for Detective John Michael Gibson and Private First Class Jacob Joseph Chestnut of the United States Capitol Police Force, and the measure was indefinitely postponed. **Page S10221**

Interior Appropriations, 1999: Senate resumed consideration of S. 2237, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, tak-

ing action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10145–77, S10181–83**

Withdrawn:

McCain/Feingold Amendment No. 3554, to reform the financing of Federal elections. **Pages S10145–77, S10182–83**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 264), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn not having voted in the affirmative, Senate failed to agree to a motion to close further debate on Amendment No. 3554, listed above. **Pages S10176–77**

Consumer Bankruptcy Reform Act: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1301, to amend title 11, United States Code, to provide for consumer bankruptcy protection, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: **Pages S10183–90, S10192–96**

Pending:

Lott (for Grassley/Hatch) Amendment No. 3559, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S10183**

Senate will vote on a motion to close further debate on the pending amendment on Friday, September 11, 1998.

Truth in Employment Act—Cloture Filed: A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1981, to preserve the balance of rights between employers, employees, and labor organizations which is fundamental to our system of collective bargaining while preserving the rights of workers to organize, or otherwise engage in concerted activities protected under the National Labor Relations Act and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion will occur on Monday, September 14, 1998. **Page S10221**

Measures Indefinitely Postponed:

IDEA Authorization: S. 717, to amend the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act. **Page S10221**

Defense Authorization: S. 924, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. **Page S10221**

DC Appropriations: S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. **Page S10221**

Amtrak Labor Dispute: S.J. Res. 37, to provide for the extension of a temporary prohibition of strikes or lockout and to provide for binding arbitration with respect to the labor dispute between Amtrak and certain of its employees. **Page S10221**

Agriculture Census Authority: S. 845, to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture. **Page S10221**

Asian Elephant Conservation: S. 1287, to assist in the conservation of Asian elephants by supporting and providing financial resources for the conservation programs of nations within the range of Asian elephants and projects of persons with demonstrated expertise in the conservation of Asian elephants. **Page S10221**

Kennedy Center Authorization: S. 2038, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize appropriations for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and to further define the criteria for capital repair and operation and maintenance. **Page S10221**

African Elephant Conservation Act Authorization: S. 627, to reauthorize the African Elephant Conservation Act. **Page S10221**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

T. J. Glauthier, of California, to be Deputy Secretary of Energy.

Harold Hongju Koh, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

B. Lynn Pascoe, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Malaysia.

Herbert Lee Buchanan III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Navy.

R. Rand Beers, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

Peter F. Romero, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of State.

C. David Welch, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State.

Jeh Charles Johnson, of New York, to be General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force.

2 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—264) **Page S10177**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:28 a.m., and adjourned at 7:37 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Friday, September 11, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S10221–22.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Michael M. Reyna, of California, to be a Member of the Farm Credit Administration Board, Farm Credit Administration, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

ORGAN DONATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine the Department of Health and Human Services proposed organ donation regulations and their impact on the national organ donation and allocation system, after receiving testimony from Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services; Ronald W. Busuttil, Dumont-UCLA Transplant Center, Los Angeles, California, on behalf of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons; Craid J. Irwin, National Transplant Action Committee, Portland, Oregon; Charles